

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the terminal disclaimer filed herewith and remarks contained herein.

PROVISIONAL NON-STATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-29 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,751,536.

While Applicants do not acquiesce in this double patenting rejection, Applicants nevertheless file simultaneously herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) for purposes of expediting prosecution. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the appropriate fees are included herewith. The Patent Office is hereby authorized, however, to charge Deposit Account No. **08-0750** for any additional fees or to credit any overpayments thereto.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7502.

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